
CONSTITUTION

Bandera Middle School Student Council

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PREAMBLE

We, the students of Bandera Middle School, in order to promote harmony among the student body and the various inter-school organizations; to maintain a better understanding between students and the faculty; to institute a better relationship between this school and all others of this kind; to raise the standards and the ideals of students themselves; and to promote activities for the betterment of the school, community, state, and country, do ordain and establish this constitution for the student body of Bandera Middle School:

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section A: The organization shall be known as the Bandera Middle School Student Council.

Section B: The purpose of this organization shall be

- 1) To bring about closer cooperation between the faculty and the student body;
- 2) To cooperate with the administration in all problems concerning the school and the student body;
- 3) To promote in each individual of Bandera Middle School a desire for good citizenship based on the democratic processes;
- 4) To create and maintain school interest, school spirit and loyalty;
- 5) To provide a forum for student expression;
- 6) To promote relations between school and community.

ARTICLE II: Membership, Elected Officers, and Qualifications

Section A: Membership

- 1) Any student of Bandera Middle School may apply to be a member of this organization. Application forms will be approved by the Executive Board. They also will set the dates in which applications will be accepted.
- 2) All members must maintain a 70 overall average at all times and be passing all subjects at all times.

Section B: Qualifications for Officers

- 1) All elected officers must maintain an 80 overall average and be passing all subjects at all times.
- 2) All elected officers must be selected according to election rules established herein.

Section C: Election Positions

1) There shall be six offices:

- a) President must be a eighth grade student;
- b) Vice-President must be a seventh or eighth grade student;
- c) Secretary must be a seventh or eighth grade student;
- d) Treasurer must be a seventh or eighth grade student;
- e) Parliamentarian must be seventh or eighth grade student;
- f) Historian must be a seventh or eighth grade student

Vacancy of any elected position, except that of President, shall be filled by an election from within the Student council.

Section D: Duties and Powers of the Officers

President

- a) Is the official representative of the student body.
- b) Presides over all meetings of the Student Council and the executive board, which consist of all elected officers.
- c) Writes meeting agendas and submits them to the sponsor at least two school days prior to the meeting date.
- d) is responsible for reporting the decisions of the council during the announcements.
- e) Calls special meetings with permission of the sponsor and the principal.

Vice-President

- a) Serves as presiding officer in the absence of the President.
- b) Serves as President if the office is vacated.
- c) Must be aware of all standing committees and their proceedings.
- d) Reports to the President and sponsor when problems within the committee occur and cannot be solved within the committee.

Secretary

- a) Keep the minutes of all executive board and council meetings.
- b) Keep the Council's file exact and up to date.
- c) Be aware of the order of business.

- d) Preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President.
- e) Send, receive, and answer all outside correspondence at the direction of the Council.

Treasurer

- a) Keep records of all money held, acquired, and disbursed by the Council and make a report of them at each meeting.

Parliamentarian

- a) Shall interpret this constitution, rules of order, and procedure of the Council.

Historian

- a) Shall keep a pictorial and written record of the highlights of the year

ARTICLE III: Elections

Officers

1. Elections will be held in the spring for the following school year.
2. Candidates may file for office by filling out a nomination form and submitting it to the sponsor 1 week prior to the election.
3. The sixth and seventh grade student body shall elect officers by popular vote.
4. Member/candidates must be in good standing at the time of nomination.

ARTICLE IV: Impeachment

Section A: Members

- 1) Members will be placed on probation after one ISS assignment. A second ISS assignment will result in the student being dismissed.
- 2) Members will be dismissed immediately upon assignment to AEP.
- 3) Members must maintain an overall 70 average and be passing all subjects at all times, or he/she will be placed on probation until the next grade report. A second occurrence will result in dismissal from Student Council.
- 4) Members must maintain satisfactory citizenship. Citizenship grades of "N" or "U" will result in probation until the next grade report. A second occurrence will result in dismissal from Student Council.
- 5) Members accused of academic dishonesty with reasonable evidence, such that a grade penalty and/or detention is issued, shall be placed on probation. A second occurrence will result in dismissal from Student Council.
- 6) The sponsor and the principal must approve any impeachment.

Section B: Elected offices

- 1) Officers will be placed on probation after one ISS assignment. A second ISS assignment will result in the officer being dismissed from the Council.
- 2) Officers will be dismissed immediately upon assignment to AEP.
- 3) Officers must maintain an overall 80 average and be passing all subjects at all times or he/she will be placed on probation until the next grade report. A second occurrence will result in dismissal from the office. The office will be filled according to Article || Section C Part 2 established herein.
- 4) Officers must maintain satisfactory citizenship. Citizenship grades of "N" or "U" will result in probation until the next grade report. A second occurrence will result in dismissal from Student Council.
- 5) Officers accused of academic dishonesty with reasonable evidence, such that a grade penalty and/or detention is issued, shall be placed on probation. A second occurrence will result in dismissal from Student Council. 6) The sponsor and the principal must approve any impeachment.

Article V: Fundraising

The Bandera Middle School Student Council will conduct fundraising activities during the school year. Profits from the fundraising activities will be used to maintain supplies, support committee activities, leadership labs, and philanthropic endeavors voted on by the council members.